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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

15 February 1954

SUBJECT: POST MORTEM OF 1953 PRODUCTION

The following is a review of intelligence deficiencies revealed during preparation of National Intelligence Estimates during 1953. The principal estimates upon which ^{these} findings are based are listed in TAB "A."

1. SOVIET BLOC

The gaps in our intelligence with respect to the Soviet Bloc have been widely recognized for a long time. Many of them will probably never be filled. During 1953 a need was expressed for more effort on the resistance potential in the Bloc. Accordingly, the IAC authorized creation of an Ad Hoc Resistance Intelligence Committee on 8 December 1953. Experience during 1953 also indicated a need for greater collection and research efforts in the following key areas:

- a. Aircraft Production. ~~[Strenuous efforts should be continued to resolve existing differences in procedures for estimating aircraft production.]~~ With the growth of Soviet atomic power, accurate estimates of Soviet long-range and fighter aircraft production are of

critical importance. Strenuous efforts should therefore be continued to improve the basis of estimates of Soviet aircraft production.

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TAB "A"
O/NE Memo to
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PRINCIPAL NIE PRODUCTION BASE FOR 1953 POST MORTEM FINDINGS

1. SOVIET BLOC

- NIE-65** Soviet Bloc Capabilities through 1957
- NIE-81** Probable Soviet Courses of Action with Respect to Germany through Mid-1954
- NIE-87** Probable Developments within the European Satellites through Mid-1955
- NIE-90** Soviet Bloc Capabilities through Mid-1955
- NIE-95** Probable Soviet Bloc Courses of Action through Mid-1955
- SE-36** Soviet Capabilities for Attack on the US through Mid-1955
- SE-36/1** Soviet Capabilities for Attack on the US through Mid-1955
- SE-38** Soviet Bloc Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action in Electromagnetic Warfare
- SE-39** Probable Consequences of the Death of Stalin and of the Elevation of Malenkov to Leadership in the USSR
- SE-40** Communist Reactions to US Establishment of a "Volunteer Freedom Corps"
- SE-42** Current Communist Tactics
- SE-46** Probable Long Term Development of the Soviet Bloc and Western Power Positions
- SE-47** Probable Effect of Recent Developments in Eastern Germany on Soviet Policy with Respect to Germany

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2. FAR EAST

- NIE-74** Probable Developments in Burma through 1953
- NIE-77** Probable Developments in Indonesia
- NIE-80** Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action in Korea
- NIE-91** Probable Developments in Indochina through 1954
- SE-37** Probable Effects on the Soviet Bloc of Certain Courses of Action Directed at the Internal and External Commerce of Communist China
- SE-45** Thailand's Ability to Withstand Communist Pressure or Attacks through Mid-1954
- SE-48** Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action of the Republic of Korea with Respect to the Armistice in Korea
- SE-51** The Significance of the New Indonesian Government
- SE-53** Probable Communist Reactions to Certain Possible Developments in Indochina

3. WESTERN EUROPE

- NIE-63** France's Probable Future Role in the Western Security System
- NIE-63/1** Probable Short Term Developments in French Policy
- NIE-71** Probable Outlook for Italy

- NIE-93** Probable Developments in Yugoslavia

- SE-54** The Political Outlook in Italy

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4. NEAR EAST-AFRICA

NIE-73 Conditions and Trends in the Middle
 East Affecting US Security

NIE-75/1 Probable Developments in Iran through 1953

NIE-78 Probable Developments in Egypt

NIE-79 Probable Developments in South Asia

NIE-83 Conditions and Trends in Tropical Africa

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NIE-102 Probable Developments in Iran through 1954

SE-49 The Current Outlook in Iran

5. LATIN AMERICA

NIE-84 Probable Developments in Guatemala

NIE-85 Probable Developments in Chile

NIE-86 Probable Developments in Brazil

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